



August 27, 2015

Dear Parent, Grandparent or Guardian,

Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region is extremely pleased to announce the **16th Annual Chameleon's Journey™ Grief Camp** for children and teens ages 7–16. The event will be held **October 17-18, 2015 at Camp Thunderbird in Lake Wylie, SC**. One of the goals of Chameleon's Journey is to bring together campers who have lost someone special in their lives and allow them to express their feelings and share the experiences of loss in a safe and supportive environment.

At **Chameleon's Journey**, campers learn that feelings surfacing during the grief process are normal, and that it is okay to laugh and play while remembering the ones they love. Through a variety of activities including art, group discussions, music, writing, challenge activities, games, campfire fun and a memorial service, the campers take steps along the path to their healing. Parents-guardians also benefit from attending Chameleon's Journey workshops designed especially for adults. The 2-3 hours workshops are held on Saturday and Sunday morning. Parent-guardians do not spend the night at the camp.

The camp is *free* to all participants through the generosity of concerned individuals from the community and area foundations.

Enclosed you will find an application form and a postage paid return envelope. To avoid delays in the application process, please fill out the application completely and provide a signature where required. We encourage you to apply early and take advantage of this special opportunity to help your child work through the grief process. The **application deadline** for the 2015 camp is **September 25**. We will *not* accept applications postmarked beyond that date. Because of the substantial response last year, and our limited space, we will be screening applications to assure the best possible camp experience. A letter of response and additional camp information will follow all applications received.

We appreciate your taking the time to consider **Chameleon's Journey** for your child and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Dawalt".

Larry Dawalt, M.Div.
Camp Director

Enclosure